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the germs of the disease with them in their flight from the famine camps.

During week ended July 3, 109 deaths from cholera were reported; for the week ended July 10, 175 deaths; for the week ended July 17, 237 deaths, and for week ended July 24, 327 deaths. The daily returns since show an increase, so that the outlook is not encouraging.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM T. FEE,  
*United States Consul.*

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

ITALY.

*Report from Naples.*

NAPLES, ITALY, *August 22, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended August 22, 1900, the following ship was inspected:

On August 17, the steamship *Ems*, of the North German Lloyd Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 121 cabin and 726 steerage passengers and 232 pieces of large and 766 pieces of small baggage. Nine pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

Respectfully,

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JAPAN.

*Sanitary conditions satisfactory.*

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *August 10, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that no case of plague has occurred in Japan since the date of my last report, August 1, and, as the last one returned was on July 16, it may be hoped that, at least for the present, the disease is arrested.

The official announcement gives a total of 60 cases and 64 deaths at Osaka from January 1 to July 16, the excess of deaths over cases being accounted for by cases holding over from December; and, at Shidzuoka during the same period, 19 cases, all proving fatal. This gives a total for the 2 localities of the outbreak of 79 cases and 83 deaths.

I am unable to give statistics of the prevailing epidemic of dysentery, but am certain that it is, so far, much less extensive than for several years past. It is true that, until within a few days, the summer has been exceptionally cool, and it is possible that the next published returns will show a largely increased morbidity from this cause.

No other important infectious disease is reported from any portion of this empire.

Respectfully,

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